GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DELHI HIGH COURT DIRECTION ON HIGH RISE BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court had issued any direction for disconnecting electricity and water connections of all the buildings in Delhi which are more than 15 metres high but failed to make necessary fire safety measures in their buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of owners of buildings who have not followed the directions issued by the Delhi High Court as on date separately; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper implementation of fire safety measures in all these buildings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The directions issued by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in their Order dated 29.5.2003 in the case titled B.L. Wadhera Vs. Government of NCT of Delhi included, among others, a direction that essential supplies i.e. electricity and water connections be disconnected of all high rise building that fail to make necessary fire safety provisions as per Delhi Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Act.

(c) & (d): In all, 2377 buildings have been inspected by Delhi Fire Service as per the directions of Delhi High Court. Out of which, for non-compliance of fire safety norms, electricity and water disconnection orders have been passed in 715 cases, 697 cases have been referred for height verification, orders for re-disconnection of essential supplies issued in 18 cases, show cause notices for re-disconnection after Court order issued to 2 buildings, 2 buildings sealed by Delhi Fire Service/Municipal Corporation of Delhi, 1 building demolished by Municipals Corporation of Delhi, 455 buildings declared low-rise and 4 cases are sub-judice. Delhi Fire Service has stated that that every building does not have the name of the owner and as per records of Delhi Fire Service, these buildings are known by their plot number/address.